Dearth of AJTs

†2144. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that death of Advanced Jet Trainer is responsible for a large number of accidents in Indian Air Force;

(b) the number of air accidents in Indian Air Force during the last four years and the names and number of pilots dead and injured during each year togetherwith the details of places of accidents and the financial loss suffered thereon, year-wise;

(c) whether any proposal for purchase of Advanced Jet Trainer is pending with Ministry of Defence for the last four years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) the lack of an AJT has been identified as one of the causes for accidents in the IAF.

(b) A statement is attached (*See* below).

(c) and (d) All available options for induction of Advanced Jet Trainers into the Air Force are being evaluated. The Indian Air Force have carried out technical appraisal of the various AJTs available and have found Hawk of United Kindom and Alpha Jet of France the most suitable option to meet the requirements of the Indian Air Force. Discussions have been held with the vendors in January-February, 2000. The source of AJT has not so far been finalised.

Statement

The details of IAF aircraft accidents during the last four years i.e. from the financial year 1996-97 till 29 Febrary 2000, date-wise, place-wise; details of crew members killed/injured therein; and the quantum of loss accident-wise

Sl.No. Date	Place	No. of Pilots Killed(K)/ Injured (I)	Name of Pilot(s)	Loss of property (Rs. in lakhs)
1996-97				
1. 04 April 1996	40Kms West of Tezpur	(One (K) (15413)	Wg Cdr NK Rao	147.36
2. 30 May 1996	4-5 Kms inside Bhutan	One(K)	Fg Offr S. Kachari (22553)	200.00

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Sl.No.	Date	Place	No. of Pilots Killed(K)/ Injured (I)	Name of Pilot(s)	Loss of property (Rs. in lakhs)
3.	04 June 1996	Jodhpur Airfield	Nil	NA	337.74
4.	09 July 1996	267/10 NM from Nal A/F	Nil	NA	129.58
5.	17 July 1996	190/63 Kms from Pathankot	Nil	NA	336.47
6.	08 August 1996	SK Range	One (K)	Flt Lt B. Dhawar (19182)	1594.40
7.	12 August 1996	250/18 Kms	Nil from Halwara A/F	NA	547.00
8.	12 August 1996	10 Kms Sourth of Siyani	Nil	NA	9399.51
9.	24 September 1996	Tezpur LFA	Nil	NA	287.90
10.	07 October 1996	3 Kms from Chandigarh A/F	Nil	NA	336.34
11.	17 October 1996	South of Misamari	Nil	NA	116.55
12.	30 October 1996	110/12 Kms from Bareilly	Nil	NA	130.80
13.	04 November 1996	172/21 NM from AFA	Nil	NA	111.50
14.	04 November 1996	117/14 Kms from Allahabad	One (K)	Maj Ramesh Kumar (IC42917)	56.11
15.	24 December 1996	320/50 NM from Nellore	Two (K)	Flt Lt Krishnan (19875) Fg. Offr H Deol (23284)	430.67
16.	21 January 1997	Pune Airfield	One (K)	Air Cmde CD Chandrasekhar	2051.24
17.	29 January 1997	106/48 Kms from Pathankot	Nil	NA	336.43

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18.	26 February 1997	162/3 NM from Uttarlai A/F	One (I)	Flt Lt Pareek (21220)	5346.84
19.	09 March 1997	35 Kms from Halwara A/F	One (I)	Fg Offr BA Ganesh (22524)	550.51
1997-98					
20.	25 April 1997	Bidar LFA	Nil	NA	111.70
21.	08 May 1997	100/26 Kms from Halwara A/F	Nil	NA	350.36
22.	09 June 1997	065/15 Kms from Nal A/F	Nil	NA	2129.60
23.	21 June 1997	Chabua Airfield	Two (K)	Flt Lt Satish Ramanathan (20494) Flt OffOffr R Srivastava (23975)	346.96
24.	23 August 1997	Morah Helipad	Nil	NA	290.39
25.	02 September 1997	Ambala Airfield	Nil	NA	15.29
26.	15 September 1997	Bidar LFA	Nil	NA	111.80
27.	17 September 1997	16 Kms from Bhuj Airfield	Nil	NA	250.55
28.	09 October 1997	170/32 Kms from Halwara A/F	One (I)	Flt Lt YJ Joshi (21814)	540.76
29.	29 October 1997	Sulur Airfield	One (I)$	Wg Cdr R Kapoor (16054)	290.85
30.	10 November 1997	Hashimara LFA	Nil		2000.00
31.	14 December 1997	South of Sirsa A/F	Two (K)	Sqn Ldr Balakrishan (20133) Fg Offr JSBindra (22671)	130.51

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32.	21 January 1998	345045/52 Km from Sirsa	One (I)	Fg Offr HSingh (22953)	161.27
33.	21 March 1998	Chandigarh Runway	Nil	NA	325.46
34.	21 March 1998	Jaisalmer Runway	Nil	NA	1588.88
35.	26 March 1998	Suratgarh Runway	Nil	NA	155.56
1998-99					
36.	12 May 1998 Pathankot	1 Km From	One (I)	Air Cmde AK Tiwary (12194)	155.56
37.	23 May 1998	Bidar Airfield	One (K)	Sqn Ldr P Chakravarthy (20130)	111.91
38.	04 June 1998	Hashimara	One (K)	Sqn Ldr Nerkar (22970)	173.87
39.	24 June 1998	SuratgarhAirfield	Nil	NA	1017.00
40.	27 July 1998	020°45/07 Km Km from Chabua	One(I)	Sqn Ldr Choudhry (18826)	173.30
41.	14 August 1998	040°/10 Km from Uttarlai	Nil	NA	94.64
42.	31 August 1998	Kalaikunda Airfield	One (K)	Flt Lt PS Rana (22678)	6001.84
43.	03 September 1998	Near Halwara Airfield	One (I)	Flt Lt (BR)Augustine (21870)	540.07
44.	07 September 1998	048°/33 Km from Pathankot	Two (I)	Sqn Ldr A Bhatt (20149) Sqn Ldr Nehra (19565)	343.14
45.	08 September 1998	Pokhran Range	Nil	NA	1585.01
46.	07 October 1998	Near Sonamarg Helipad	One (K)	Flt Lt RK Kamboj (21535)	1000.01
47.	27 October 1998	Pathankot LFA	One (K)	Fg Offr M Srivastava (24023)	147.14
48.	28 October 1998	Near Kalaiyunda A/F	Nil	NA	1600.06

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49.	28 November 1998	Near Allahabad A/ F	One (K)	Flt Cdt HK Rai (174010)	77.36
50.	02 February 1999	141045/84 Kms from Halwara	Nil	NA	540.11
51.	15 February 1999	Pune Airfield	One (I)	Flt Lt R Agarwal (22727)	4113.10
52.	07 March 1999	03 NMs from Palam Airfield	Two (K)	Flt Lt M Abrol (22560) Fg Offr TB Paigude (24729)	484.43
53.	15 March 1999	060°/05 Kms from Chabua Airfield	Two (I)	Sqn Ldr AK Dwidedi (16979) Lt V Bishnoi (04263), Indian Navy	175.60
54.	16 March 1999	25 Kms SE of Nalia A/F	One (K)	Flt Lt K Singh (22158)	325.70
55.	26 March 1999	185°/65 Kms from Halwara Airfield	Nil	NA	541.08
56.	26 March 1999	Suratgarh LFA	One (K)	Fg Offr Rakesh Gupta (24194)	334.04
1999-2000					
57.	07 April 1999	Amritsar Airfield	One (I)	Wg Cdr Ghosh (15563)	441.10
58.	13 April 1999	287°/24 Kms from Sirsa Airfield	One (I)	Fg Offr RD Singh (24926)	159.94
59.	10 May 1999	279°/27 Kms from Dundigal	One (K)	Flt Cdt VBDeshmukh (183062)	118.22
60.	13 May 1999	Nal Airfield	Nil	NA	146.15
61.	17 June 1999	110°/35 NMs from Tezpur Airfield	One (K)	Fg Offr J Thomas (25042)	144.15

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62.	19 June 1999	Giri Ram Ki Dhani "NE' of Uttarlai Airfield	One (K)	Fg Offr Amit Singh (23741)	102.10
63.	23 June 1999	045°/05 Kms from PathankotA/F	One (K)	Fg Offr Karki (24230)	334.09
64.	30 June 1999	300°/15 Kms from Ambala A/F	One (I)	Flt Lt PP Modak (21866)	9400.85
65.	02 July 1999	Jaisalmer A/F	One (K)	Flt Lt D Sharma (21864)	1585.27
66.	04 August 1999	"Kurgiakh'Village	Two (K)	Sqn Ldr FSSiddiqui (19213) Flt Lt SK Pandey (22335)	468.81
67.	06 August1999	346°/67 Kms fromChandigarh A/F	One (K)	Flt Lt G Chibber (22335)	9208.68
68.	18 August1999	Srinagar Airfeild	One (K)	Fg Offr GSDhindsa (23760)	1017.49
69.	13 September 1999	120°/10 Kms from Uttarlai Airferld	Nil	NA	332.45
70.	14 September 1999	020°/10 Kms from Udhampur Airfeild	One (K)	Fg Offr R Sishodia (23775)	1001.48
71.	20 September 1999	290°/03 Kms from Gorakhpur Airfeild	Nil	NA	643.73
72.	01 October 1999	Bidar Local Flying Area	One (I)	Flt Cdt S Agnihotri (183059)	111.84
73.	14 October 1999	Hakimpet LFA	One (K)	Fg Offr Marathe (25641)	106.79
74.	04 November 1999	174°/104 Kms from Tezpur Airfeild	Nil	NA	Not yet available
75.	08 November 1999	174°/29 NMs from Gorakhpur Airfeild	Nil	NA	6306.31

Sl.No.	Date	Place	No. of Pilots Killed(K)/ Injured (I)	Name of Pilot(s)	Loss of property (Rs. in lakhs)
76.	03 December 1999	3 Kms from Chandigarh Runway	One (K)	Fg Offr PK Joshi (24529)	261.10
77.	14 December 1999	Jodhpur Runway	Nil	NA	2178.35
78.	15 December 1999	075/57 Kms from Tezpur Airfield	Nil	NA	Not yet available
79.	10 January 2000	Pokharan Range	One (K)	Flt Lt V Singh (22715)	2226.95
80.	23 February 2000	Vijay Nagar LG-79	Two (I)	Sqn Ldr GLakshman (21857) Flt Lt S Sharma (22969)	Not yet available
		TOTAL	34(K)/19(I)		866511.08

The estimated cost of damage given above is as per Provisional Loss Statement Actual cost of damage will be worked out subsequently.

NA: in Col. 5 indicates "not applicable', since there was neither injury nor death in the accident.

Soldiers/Officers from Orissa killed in Kargil War

2145. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of soldiers and officers Armed Forces from Orissa alongwith their names and designations/rank-wise who became martyrs at Kargil;

(b) the assistance provided to the bereaved families/next of kin of these proud son's of soil; and

(c) whether a family member of these martyrs will be provided with job in the Armed forces?